

Methacton Coordinating Council Meeting Notes

October 8, 2018, 7 p.m.

I. Attendance

Jessica Fields, Amy Vassalluzzo, Megan Fitzgerald, Laurie O'Neill, Che Regina, Michelle Petko, Katie Shireman, Marie Kramer, Michelle Price, Nikki Krelovich, Gabby Winters, Jenn Zavertnik, Liz Drummond, Courtney Kusy, Kathleen Bacon, Shane Bone, Jennifer Daugherty.

II. Key Communicator: Che Regina

Che Regina, director of Human Resources and Labor Relations, spoke about:

- the guest teacher program, which is aimed at helping fill the teacher and substitute teacher shortage, and the training and shadowing that Methacton will be provide.
- changes and improvements to hiring procedures.
- Gabby Winters talked about the need for additional PCA training saying that the current lack of training or minimal information about the student isn't beneficial to the student or the PCA.

III. Methacton Education Foundation: Nikki Krelovich

Nikki Krelovich, director of Methacton Education Foundation, spoke about:

- educating the community about MEF; MEF will be primarily focused on STEM, college/career readiness and programs for economically disadvantage students. MEF funds curricular-based programs, which makes it different than H&S.
- focusing on raise "unrestricted" money.
- faculty ambassadors at the schools have been identified.
- parent and faculty campaigns are beginning.
- parent volunteers are always needed.

IV. Meeting minutes for June: Approved

V. Officer Reports

A. President's Report, Megan Fitzgerald reported:

- 1) Dr. Zerbe will have a recommendation on the Methacton Student Loan Program at the end of the month. Under consideration is ending the program or seeing if another organization is interested in taking it over.

2) Home & School presentations at school board meetings. It was suggested by Angela Linch that the H&S's vary their presentations to the school board. There should be a move away from each school presenting individually and a move towards more "across the district" presentations that encompasses the role the H&S organizations as a whole.

- potential topics include: fundraising, the power of we, asking questions/asking for things the H&S needs, updates on Konstella, services that are provided to the district ie. library aides
- Gabby Winters will be coordinating the first presentation which will be presented at the November board meeting on Nov. 27. Dr. Zerbe needs a draft on Nov. 16.

3) Links in Konstella to Methacton flyers

- it was agreed that permanent links at the bottom of the individual school newsletters will be added to advertise district events. Schools will not be required to push out flyers for events that are not specific to that school.

B. Vice President's Report, Laurie O'Neill: no report

C. Treasurer's Report, Jessica Fields reported:

- working on filing taxes and finishing up the paperwork for the 2017-18 school year.

D. Corresponding Secretary Report, Kathleen Bacon reported:

- advised school to make their H&S Konstella sites private and then use them as a photo share site for pictures of school events.
- discussion about publicity refusal form.

E. Recording Secretary report: Jennifer Daugherty/Courtney Kusy; no report

VI. Committee Reports

A. Special Education Alliance, Sandy Katz reported:

- SEA representatives attended all the back-to-school nights and reported that it was a success
- Oct. 18 is first meeting and topic is 14 parts of the IEP
- please continue to include meeting flyers in school newsletters
- anyone can attend in the are interested in the topic

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business

A. Voting times for elections

- Laurie O'Neill highlighted the importance of having the home and school meeting that is the end-of-the-year voting meeting at night so that more people who want to vote can have the opportunity to attend. Another idea was to alternate the meeting each year between an a.m. and p.m. meeting.

B. H&S flyers

- discussion about which school events warrant a paper flyer going home and how and who makes that decision. Arrowhead reported that they are going paperless and trying out Google docs/forms. Arrowhead and Woodland will do a flyer if it's a tear off that needs to be returned to school. High school does not do flyer. Skyview will send flyers if the need is there.

C. Reporting/Sharing on individual H&S events

- reinforced idea that any school is always welcome to share ideas that are working at their school at MCC meetings

IX. School Board Report, Liz Drummond

Liz Drummond, school board director, reported:

- board's objective is to engage with H&S and parents across the district; looking at hosting a district-wide "meet and greet" event.

X. Adjourned at approx. 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting is Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the library of the high school